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Dear Mr Farnet

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your email of 5th August 2010 in which you asked for a list of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests the Ministry of Justice has received since the Data Access & Compliance Unit (DACU) was created at the end of 2008. You requested an excel spreadsheet detailing the date of request; date of reply; reference number/ID; subject/title of the request; and status [whether information was fully released, partially released or withheld].

Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that the Department does hold information relating to your request. However, unfortunately I am unable to process it. I have estimated that it would take approximately 30.5 hours in order to extract the information you have requested from our database. Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for Central Government is set at £600, which represents one person spending 3.5 working days in locating, extracting and collating the requested information. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to narrow the time frame of your request.

As part of our obligations under the FOIA, the Ministry of Justice has an independent review process. If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may write to request an internal review. The internal review will be carried out by someone who did not make the original decision, and they will re-assess how the Department handled the original request.

If you wish to request an internal review, please write or send an email to the Data Access and Compliance Unit within two months of the date of this letter, at the following address:

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If you remain dissatisfied after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 50 of the FOIA. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Internet: https://www.ico.gov.uk/Global/contact_us.aspx

Yours sincerely

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